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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Strutz

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For: **METHODS OF OPERATING A FOOD WASTE DISPOSER HAVING A VARIABLE SPEED MOTOR**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 6, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the office action dated October 6, 2004. The office action noted that a complete listing of all claims was not present in the previous response. This response includes claims 1-41 identified as "canceled."

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any necessary time extension fees, and any other fees required for any reason relating to this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21, from Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP Deposit Account No. 12-1322.